

Marshfield Energy and Climate Change Committee
Minutes of
9/9/15 Meeting

Attendees: Rich Phillips, Joel Trupin, Anne Miller, Bob Atchinson, Michael Horowitz, Nick Seifert, Lawrence Black, Wes Cate

Meeting Date: September 9, 2015

Location: OSC, Selectboard meeting room

Agenda:

- Public Comment
- Agenda Adjustment/Additions
- Approval of June 2nd minutes
- Twinfield (15 minutes)
- Planning for September 25th Climate Change Brainstorm (20 minutes)
- Set Subcommittee Meetings (5 minutes)
- Solar at Marshfield Village Wastewater Plant? (10 minutes)
- Booth at Fall Foliage Festival? (5 minutes)
- Preliminary Minutes of this meeting?
- Date for next meeting?

Notes from the meeting:

Public comments

- none

Agenda adjustments

- Plainfield notes - Bob
- "natural Marshfield" - Anne
- Added time to agenda items (see times above)

Approval of minutes

- Minutes of June 2, 2015 approved
- Twinfield
- They are going to wait for future information from Supervisory Union collaboration . Too busy to deal with it on their own due to school consolidation meetings.
- Future work there:
 - Why is the school using so much oil? Can the pellet boiler be improved?
 - How much money is being saved from the roof renovation?
 - Base load improvements (old air handlers, compressors, etc)

Planning for September 23th climate change brainstorm

- idea: get conservation committee, planning commission, library committee, Plainfield conservation commission, energy committee and both town Selectboards together and figure out actions for what we can/should all do.
- Wednesday the 23rd; 5:30 pm pizza, 6:00 PM for the meeting
- Rich expressed concerns about a small number of attendees, only a few have RSVP'd
- Suggestion is to move the time to pizza at 6:00PM and meeting at 6:30pm (agreed)

- Nick suggested a short follow-up email with “RSVP” in the subject that would also mention the new time.
- Bob suggested 2-3 additional follow-up emails with: “Save the date”, “Here is the agenda”, etc. type emails to drive attendance.
- Discussion about the focus of the meeting
 - Discussed top down, vs bottom up approaches for topics to consider.
 - Benefit of a big group is to get good ideas out there
- Bob suggested using colored dots for voting on general themes
- There will be a facilitator to move the meeting along
- Nick suggested having a meeting end time, and a rough outline of sections of the meeting, with loose times assigned.
- Rich agreed with the structured meeting comments and thought the facilitator would work with this.
- Michael suggested the general question of the meeting would be **“What should the committees be doing to respond to climate change”**
 - Bob agreed with this, and suggested very clearly defining this “one-liner” as the focus of the
- The facilitator is Joe Gainza
- Bob will distill the meeting notes and conversation into a summary of what the meeting is about. He will send this draft tonight (9/9) if he can.
- Anne suggested promoting carpooling to the meeting.

Wastewater plant solar:

- Does the committee want to try and make a proposal for solar at the wastewater plant?
- Consumption is significant, possibly around 2x the water treatment plant (???) and about ½ (???) of the amount used by the village
- Michael suggested getting a breakdown of the usage by the different facilities
- Rich suggested both the water and wastewater facilities should be captured by the solar array

Foliage booth:

- No interest in doing this

Plainfield update

- Park and ride solar project is coming along, GMP will connect soon. Landscaping is done.
- Adjusted mounting devices to prevent shading.